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FOR

COSMETIC AND DERMATOLOGICAL PREPARATIONS HAVING A

EFFECTIVE CONTENT OF BILE ACIDS, THEIR SALTS AND/OR

THEIR DERIVATIVES

ART UNIT

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EXAMINER

Lauren Q. Wells

18 December 2002

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR \$ 1.111- Draft

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated 18 September 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute claim 8 with amended claim 8,

John Bridge

A cosmetic and/or dermatological preparation comprising an active ingredient in an amount of about 0.01% to about 0.5% by weight, based on the total weight of the preparation, wherein the active ingredient is a bile acid salt wherein the salt is selected from the group consisting of alkali metal and alkaline earth metal salts, salts of mono- or divalent cations of elements from the transition groups, salts of mono- or divalent cations of elements from the lanthanides, salts of mono- or divalent cations of elements from the actinides, salts of ammonium (-NH₃), and salts of basic amino acids, or a bile acid derivative wherein the derivatization is selected from the group consisting of alkanoammonium having 2 to 9 carbon atoms in total, alkyl- and alkenylammonium having 1 to 22 carbon atoms in total, and pyridine substituted by an alkyl or alkenyl group which has 1 to 18 carbon atoms.

601-, 5% bile acid sult